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In re Application of
Scott Umlauf
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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed December 31, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity. As continuity has been established by this decision, the application is again abandoned in favor of continuing application Nos. 10/747,198 and 10/748,124.

37 CFR 1.137(b)(3) requires a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. Since the statement contained in the instant petition varies from the language required by 37 CFR 1.137(b)(3), it will be interpreted as the required statement. Petitioner must notify the Office if this is not a correct interpretation of the statement contained in the instant petition.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136, an extension of time must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum period obtainable for reply to avoid abandonment. Since the \$2010 extension of time fee submitted with the present petition was subsequent to the six-month statutory period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 306-347.

The application file is being forwarded to the Files Repository.

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